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THE MARNE OF THIS WAR

Stockholm, To-day.

Admiration of the British Fleet's achievements off the Norwegian coast is voiced by the newspapers, which describe the action in breaking through the Baltic mine barrage into the Kattegat as "The Marne of this war."

The "Handels Tidingen" writes that when the prospect was indeed black, the British Fleet's quality of attack was as strong as in the time of Nelson.

"For the second time, destiny knocks at Sweden's door. While we are confident of the ability of Britain and France to deal with the affair without our help, we don't think Sweden can regain her position by cowardly concessions."—Reuter.

SWEDEN BARS WAY

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED IN BERLIN POLITICAL CIRCLES THAT FURTHER SERIOUS WARNINGS ARE BEING GIVEN BY THE NAZIS TO SWEDEN.

The German spokesman said Sweden's immediate future depends on her forbidding everything that endangers neutrality.

As long as this is done, he said, there is no reason for Germany to occupy bases in Sweden.

ALLIED AID ON WAY

London, To-day.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns in authoritative quarters that if the British blockade can continue successfully to limit the flow of German reinforcements the situation in Norway may soon take a turn for the better.

Nothing has yet been revealed regarding the nature or degree of the Allied help, but there can be no doubt that it is coming. — Reuter.

LESS SAID THE BETTER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Information from Germany stated that the authorities are maintaining a complete silence on the Skagerrak battle.

General sentiment is that a German failure in Scandinavia will make a paramount impression on the general conduct of the war. — Havas.

ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated there was artillery activity between the Vosges and Rhine. — Reuter.

He added that if King Haakon and the Norwegian Cabinet escaped to Sweden and continued to rule from there, Sweden would have to take the consequences.

It is understood in Berlin that the German Minister in Oslo has had instructions to make another effort to reach King Haakon.

No Passage

Meanwhile, M. Hansson, the Swedish Prime Minister, broadcasting in Stockholm, last night, said Sweden would refuse passage to any foreign troops.

M. Hansson said Sweden was determined to observe the principle of strict neutrality. It was not in accordance with strict neutrality to allow any scope for foreign enterprises.

"No demands in that direction have been put to us but if such demands are made they will have to be refused."

M. Hansson added that guarding their neutrality meant the country would be defended in case of necessity. — Reuter.

NAZI DUMP BLOWS UP

A violent explosion on German territory, a few miles from the frontier is reported from Nuremberg.

Huge flames were visible and a series of explosions was heard, giving rise to the belief that a munition dump was blown up. — Reuter.

NO FIGHTING YESTERDAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

NO MAJOR ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE IN THE KATTEGAT YESTERDAY, IT WAS STATED IN AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Reports which have been circulated and contain references to explosions, may have resulted from the use of depth charges.

There is little doubt German units have been searching for British submarines which may have been in that area. — Reuter.

ALL RENT INCREASES BANNED

An amendment to the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance which has the practical effect (except for subsequent new tenancies) of prohibiting any rent increases in the Colony from the present date is gazetted.

The scope of the Ordinance is extended further to cover all tenements, including bed spaces, but excluding furnished dwellings bona fide let at a rent which includes payments in respect of board and attendance.

The previous limitation, which required a tenant claiming protection of the Ordinance to have been the tenant on or before June 3, 1938, is removed.

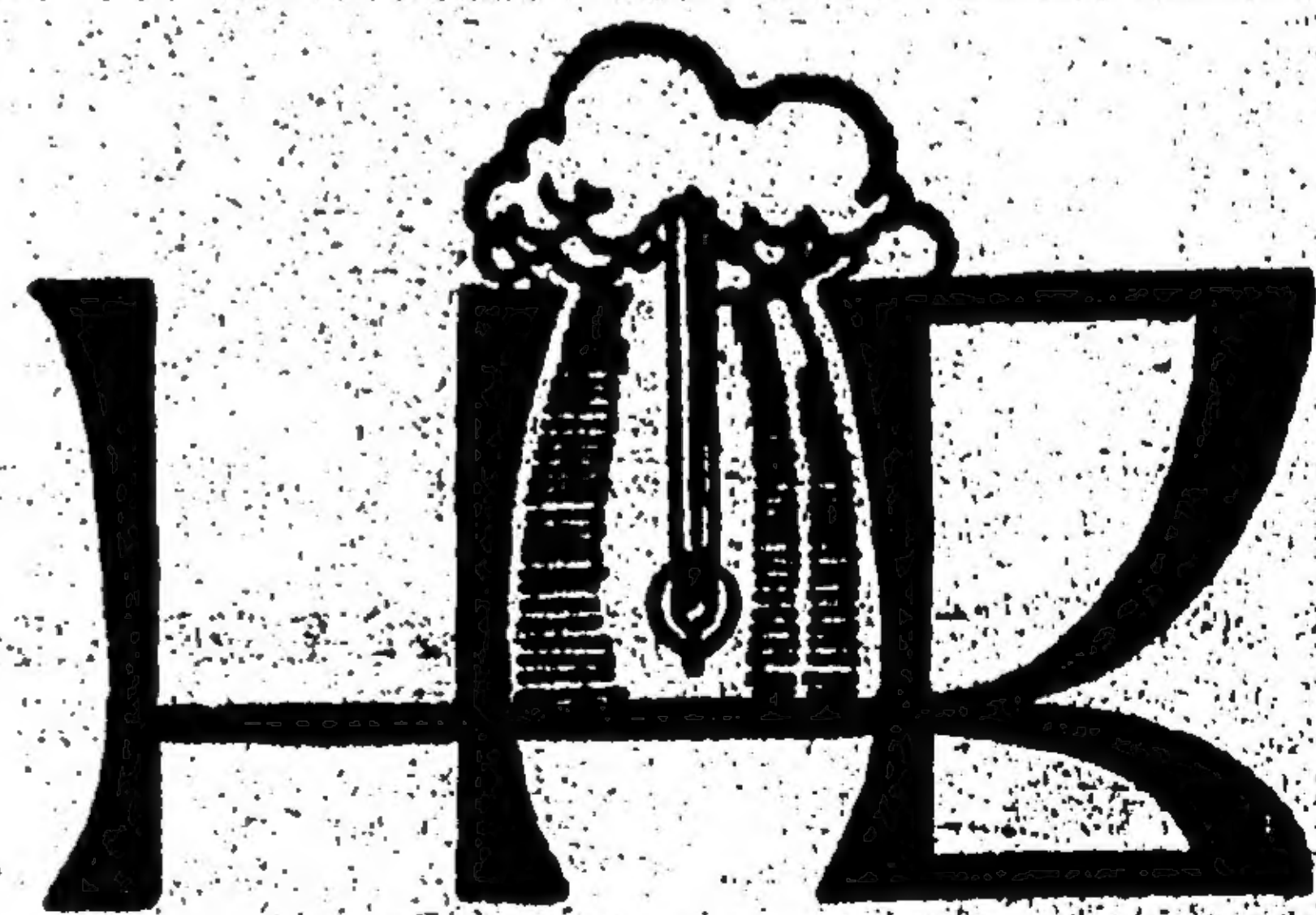
OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Government statement says: In its application the principal Ordinance No. 44 of 1939, was limited to dwellings (other than dwellings in respect of which the rent included payments in respect of board, attendance or use of furniture) in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Kowloon held by tenants who had been sitting tenants thereof on the 3rd June, 1938.

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EXPULSED JOURNALIST: ENVOY SEEKS MESSAGE NAZI AGENTS FAKED

Budapest, March 26.
Mr. M. H. Lovell, British journalist
expelled from Rumania, has reached
Budapest after being smuggled over
the border in local trains.

It is now clear he never sent a se-
cond message, on the basis of which
he was ordered to leave Bucharest.

It is possible it was a complete fake
served up to the Rumanian Minister
of Propaganda by a representative of
the German News Agency, who was
at the Ministry when Mr. Lovell was
arrested.

Mr. Lovell said that on Friday night
he tried for 3½ hours to reach Reu-
ter's Rome office with the official Ru-
manian denial of the ultimatum story
to which Bucharest took offence. Reu-
ter's Rome office is always manned,
but he was repeatedly told there was
no reply.

Sir Reginald Hoare, British Minister
in Bucharest, is now convinced that
the second message was not sent from
Bucharest at all, but from Sofia, and
that as Lovell did not speak with
Sofia that day he could not have been
responsible.

It is quite possible the whole mat-
ter is a German trap to get Lovell ex-
pelled and at the same time to shake
British-Rumanian relations.

FRENCH NEWS-REELS

London, March 28.
Sir Kenneth Clarke, film chief at
the Ministry of Information, will meet
a woman friend from the equivalent
French department at a lunch at Gros-
venor House to-morrow.

Mlle. Borel, second in command of
the French film section, is coming to
discuss a scheme for the showing in
London news-reel theatres of the of-
ficial French army weekly news-reel.
The films, showing every phase of
life in the Maginot Line, will be titled
in English.

Mlle. Borel, like Sir Kenneth, is not
a specialist in films. But she is a
good judge of them. She is small,
dark and vivacious. Her peace-time
job was in the French Foreign Of-
fice. She was, in fact, the first wo-
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CIRCULAR ANGERS M.P.s

A circular, printed in English and
German, has been sent out appealing
for funds and comforts for German in-
ternees and prisoners of war in Bri-
tain.

The appeal is made by a relief com-
mittee headed by Mr. Helmut W. B.
Schroder, son and heir of Baron Schro-
der, the banker.

Nine German pastors, now in Eng-
land, sign the appeal, which points out
that some prisoners have no money to
spend in camp canteens.

The matter will be raised in the
House of Commons, writes a Political
Correspondent.

NOT FOR REFUGEES

To many M.P.'s the appeal is offen-
sive. They point out that no money
or comforts are sought for German re-
fugees in England.

Money gifts, the appeal says, should
be sent to Messrs. Schroder, the bank-
ers; comforts and gifts to Baroness
Bruno Schroder at her home in Park-
street, W.1.

One of the signatories of the appeal
is Pastor Goebel, of Catford, London.

When he was asked why he should
sign such an appeal, Pastor Goebel
said:

"I am the chaplain of the German
Hospital in Dalston, and pastor of
the German Church in Richmond-
road, Dalston.

"I would naturally be included be-
cause of my position."

Asked if he was English, the rev.
gentleman replied: "I am British."

He added that the circular was is-
sued by the Joint Committee for the
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DRAMATIC R.A.F. EXPLOITS IN NORWAY'S WAR

London, To-day.

WHEN BRITISH BOMBERS on Thursday night struck at the Nazi life-line with its invading force, they destroyed one ship, probably damaged another and rounded off the night's work by bombing a Nazi seaplane base in the Baltic.

The ship destroyed was one of eight, painted grey, seen steaming through the Great Belt northwards. One bomb made a direct hit, and the vessel must have contained ammunition, for it blew up with a tremendous explosion which rocked the British planes.

Just before midnight, a 5,000-ton supply ship was spotted off the southern end of the Danish island of Laaland; bombs were dropped and two fell close to the stern of the ship, which was probably damaged.

This attack was carried out in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire from the ship or shore batteries, but all our planes returned safely.

Further north in the Baltic, another formation of German ships was seen, steaming in line ahead. They were heavily bombed, but owing to darkness it is not known what damage, if any, was done. — Reuter.

Air Ministry Statement

The Air Ministry announce that extensive reconnaissances by the R.A.F. were carried out over the North Sea and the Skagerrak in search of enemy naval forces.

Reports indicate that one formation of bombers penetrated the Christiansand Fjord and attacked two German warships.

Our machines encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire and five were brought down.

The full extent of the enemy losses are unknown but two fighters were shot down in flames and others are reported to have been seriously damaged.

PITCH DARK

The German supply ship sunk was first detected by the light of a parachute flare, according to the captain of one of the British raiders last night.

He said: "The night was pitch dark. A small faint light moving below seemed to be worth investigation and so we dropped a flare.

"The dazzling light showed us about 10 ships steaming northwards together.

"When our bombs found their target there was an almighty explosion. We were moved about 30 feet up-

wards by the force of the explosion."

RAID ON STAVANGER

Meanwhile, according to information available in London last night, the air raid on Stavanger aerodrome was carried out by Wellington bombers of the Coastal Command, accompanied by long-range fighters.

Considerable damage was done to the aerodrome and many German fighter and bomber planes were wrecked by machinegun fire and many of the staff and aircraft personnel killed.

Three Junker bombers were seriously damaged and it is estimated 20 of the personnel were killed or injured in the initial attack.

Despite intense gunfire the British aircraft escaped damage.

ONLY ONE LOST

Half an hour later Wellington bombers gunned machinegun posts, anti-aircraft batteries, hangars and aircraft on the ground.

After a great fire had started on the aerodrome the British bombers were attacked by German fighters.

A fierce battle ensued but only one British bomber failed to return to its base. — Reuter.

ARGYLL ELECTION

London, To-day.

The Conservatives retained Argyll yesterday in a by-election necessitated by the death of Mr. F. A. Macquisten, K.C.

The Conservative majority jumped from 1,774 at the General Election to 5,009.

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NEUTRALS UNEASY

Nazi Invasion Of Norway A Mere Feint?

Dutch Defence Preparations Continue

London, To-day.

THE OPINION IS STILL expressed in many quarters that the German invasion was a feint to cloak some other, and more important, move elsewhere and giving point to these rumours is the unceasing uneasiness of the smaller neutrals.

Most important indication of all comes from Holland, where all the newspapers carry a semi-official statement explaining the military precautions which have been going on since Tuesday.

SABOTAGE IN OSLO

London, To-day.

An admission that the civilian population of Oslo has committed "acts of sabotage" was contained in a broadcast from the Oslo-station.

The proclamation by Major-General Engelbrecht, the commander-in-chief, said that some of these people have already been tried and executed and anyone else found doing the same thing would be shot without mercy.

Some idea of living conditions in Oslo is seen in announcements from the station forbidding the people, for instance, to keep more than a day's supply of bread or any milk except for children and the sick.

The population is warned that houses might be searched if they are suspected of going against this order.—Reuter.

Significantly, the statement says: "There need be no doubt that the Government is perfectly aware of the danger which may threaten from within."

This is taken to be a reference to the preliminary preparations carried out in Norway by the local Nazi party and a warning that this will not be repeated in Holland.

The statement urges the Dutch people to avoid uneasiness over the measures and points out that as Holland lies in the storm centre of Europe the strongest possible measures must be taken.—Reuter.

RECIPROCAL TRADE BILL SIGNED

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the bill extending the reciprocal trade treaty programme for three years.

The President described the programme as "a powerful instrument for promoting our national wellbeing and strengthening the foundations of stable peace."—Reuter.

BELGIUM AND THE CONFLICT

Brussels, To-day.

Primary problem confronting Belgium is whether she will remain outside the conflict, declared the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, in a speech at Menin yesterday.

M. Spaak said the Government will make every effort to avoid war but "if by misfortune we are dragged in, all our energies would be directed to the defence of our territory."

"We must be strong and united and know how to make great sacrifices."—Reuter.

COSSACK HEROES DECORATED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES AWARDS TO THE OFFICERS AND CREWS OF H.M.S. COSSACK AND H.M.S. AURORA IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESCUE OF THE BRITISH PRISONERS FROM THE ALTMARK.

Captain Vian and Captain Turner are made Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, while two others are awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Eight are awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and four are mentioned in despatches.

Awards for officers and men on board trawlers and drifters include six D.S.C.'s, four D.S.M.'s and 30 mentioned in despatches, including four posthumous.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN LEADER BROADCASTS BY PROXY

London, To-day.

M. HAMBRO, THE NORWEGIAN leader, was to have broadcast on Thursday night, but the broadcast had to be cancelled and the text of his speech has now been received in London.

He reveals that prompt arrangements have been made between the Norwegian and British authorities to ensure a reliable service of news and information being sent to the Norwegian people.

Until the Norwegian Government re-establishes a national broadcasting system, news from Norway and statements by the Norwegian authorities will be sent out in Norwegian and English from the BBC.

At 5.30 p.m. GMT yesterday (1.30 a.m. Saturday, Hong Kong time), this service started, and included a message from the Norwegian Minister in London and a number of official instructions.

These transmissions—M. Hambro says—will provide the Norwegian people with reliable information about what has happened and what is to be done.

He gives a special message to Norwegians who have lost contact with friends or relatives:—

"There is much as a race we have failed to do, much we have to learn when all this is over. But we shall have won the security we need and we shall have earned true admiration from the spirit of sacrifice which has lain so long unused deep in our hearts."

M. Hambro is able, from reports from military chiefs, to reveal that the Norwegian Army is being increased hourly and is resisting the Nazis with determination.—Reuter.

*** It is understood that M. Hambro was to have broadcast from Stockholm, and that it was cancelled on threatening representations by Germany to Sweden.

SURPLUS OF BACON IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

There is a surplus of bacon in Canada and officials say the Dominion is able to supply Britain with more than enough to make up for what was previously imported from Denmark.

Canada is also likely to export to Britain butter, eggs and fish.—Reuter.

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SINKING OF "GNEISENAU" CLAIMED

Stockholm, To-day.

A Norwegian communique quoted by the Stockholm radio confirms that the German battleship Gneisenau, 26,000 tons, has been sunk in Oslo Fiord. This is the first official claim though the sinking has been reported earlier.

The Gneisenau, which is barely two years old, is a sistership of the Scharnhorst, which was beaten up by Renown on Tuesday. The Gneisenau carries — or, rather, carried — nine 11-inch and 12 6-inch guns, in addition to smaller armament. — Reuter.

BRILLIANT NAVAL FEAT Huge Minefield Laid

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC EXPLOITS OF THE WAR, THE MINING OF AN ENORMOUS AREA IN THE NORTH SEA, THE SKAGERRAK AND THE KATTEGAT, SO AS TO CUT OFF ALL GERMAN SEA COMMUNICATIONS OUTSIDE THE BALTIC, HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE ROYAL NAVY.

Effect of the coup is that all German warships in the vicinity of Norway and these are believed to constitute the bulk of the German Navy, are completely cut off unless they risk the perils of the minefield.

It means, too, that no reinforcements or supplies can reach the German troops in Norway except by acceptance of a similar peril.

The minefield begins just south of Bergen and stretches to the Zuider Zee southwards, to the Norwegian, Danish and German coast eastwards, in the Skagerrak to Swedish territorial waters on one side and to the Danish coast on the other. The field is carried to within fifty miles of the Kiel Canal in the Little Belt and Great Belt between Zealand and Jutland.

London, To-day.

The new mine-field does not enter Dutch or Swedish territorial waters, and although it reaches as far as the latter, care has been taken to leave a channel 20 miles wide through which ships may have access from the Swedish coast to the North Sea.

The new field constitutes a major operation which must have very far-reaching results, for no ships can now leave or enter German or Danish ports in the North Sea or Danish ports in the Baltic.

Also, all Norwegian ports from just below Bergen—and these include Stavanger, Egersund and Christiansand, all of which are held by the Germans—are unsafe for entering or leaving.

The mines continue across the Skagerrak up the Oslo Fiord and down the Kattegat into the Great and Little Belts to some 50 miles from Kiel.

COLOSSAL TASK

The Germans will undoubtedly try to sweep up the mine, but this will be a colossal task due to the vast area of the field and it is certain any mine-sweepers will be attacked by the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm.

Already, the mine-field seems to be doing its work, for yesterday no German ships were seen on the Swedish shore at

IN GOOD HEART AND SPIRIT

London, To-day.

"We are in good heart and spirit," declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain in a message regarding the war to the annual meeting of the Birmingham Unionist Association.

"We are assured of victory even though we will have to wait for it, for when the British people take hold they don't let go."

Mr. L. S. Amery, at the same meeting, likened Germany to a boa constrictor which, before striking its victim, tried to hypnotise it.

He wondered whether brave and valiant Sweden would allow herself to be hypnotised or would have the courage to strike and break the coils threatening to entangle her.—Reuter.

Strömstad, near the Norwegian border, saw a large ship go up in flames after several explosions. She is believed to have been an oil tanker.—Reuter.

EXPOSED TO NEW PERILS

London, To-day.

It has become increasingly evident that the Germans have exposed themselves to increasing dangers by their invasion of Scandinavia, semi-official sources here state.

Mr. Churchill, in his review of the operations, made it clear that the action has automatically intensified the Allied blockade.

German naval forces, after their long seclusion in safe ports, are now dispersed along a sea front many hundreds of miles in length.

Several German trawlers have already been captured, and one of them, the Friesland, was taken into a north-east Scottish port yesterday by a prize crew. Its cargo—700 boxes of fish—is now being sold in the town market.—Reuter.

***The Friesland, a vessel of 247 tons, was built in 1921 and is owned by Ludwig Janssen and Co., of Wesermünde.

NEW J.P.S

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following to be Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Hong Kong:—

Official:—Mr. Frederick Flippance, Mr. Thomas Jackson Houston, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Barron Rose, M.C., and Wing Commander Alfred Horace Steele Steele-Perkins, O.B.E.

Unofficial:—Dr. James William Anderson, Dr. Hermann Balear, Dr. Roberto Alexandre de Castro Basto, Mr. Colin Charteris Black, Mr. Ronald Dare Gillespie, Mr. Henry Charles MacNamara, Mr. David Locke Newbigging, Mr. Alexander Roy Henderson Phillips, and Mr. Eric Guard Price.

MINES PRESENT HITLER WITH GRAVE PROBLEM

London, To-day.

THE MILITARY SITUATION on land in Norway will inevitably be affected by the new British mine-field, and the German garrison must now be wondering about their fate. Most of the garrisons are small and easily isolated, semi-official London circles point out.

It must be remembered that apart from the comparatively flat southern area, the rest of Norway is mountainous, difficult country, with poor communications.

The Germans may be able to transport a certain number of troops from Denmark by air, but the difficulties are so great that there is naturally speculation as to what alternative Germany may be driven to in desperation.

From the Norwegian lowlands to Sweden is a natural route and Sweden has not been slow in taking precautions.

Gothenburg is now protected by mine-fields, laid in Swedish territorial waters by the Swedes for a distance of a hundred miles.

The country's merchant ships have been ordered temporarily to leave the high seas.

Yesterday, the Swedish tanker Sveaborg, of 9,000 tons, homeward bound from the United States with petrol, was sunk off the north coast of Scotland. Thirty-four of her crew have been landed in Scotland and it is believed that all were saved.

STATE OF ALARM

On Thursday night, Sweden ordered a state of alarm and a blackout and mobilisation of military and police forces in the south-west coast cities.

Air-raid alarms — subsequently found to be unjustified — also added to the anxiety of the population and this anxiety has not been allayed by the violent campaign launched against the Swedish newspapers by the controlled Nazi press.—Reuter.

THE LAND BATTLE

Norwegian High Command Gain Confidence

OSLO'S ELECTRIC SUPPLY CUT OFF: BRIDGES MINED

London, To-day.

THE MILITARY SITUATION in Norway was outlined in a Norwegian High Command communique broadcast by Radio Stockholm last night.

The Germans occupied Oslo and the immediate neighbourhood, while Norwegian troops are holding a line north and north-east of Oslo.

The German forces are in control of Christiansand, Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim and two other coastal points in southern Norway. The rest of southern Norway is held by the Norwegians.

The Germans have occupied Narvik but otherwise the Norwegians hold the entire north.

A battle is proceeding at Fossum and Langenes bridge north of Oslo.

The bridges across the Glomma and Vorma Rivers in front of the Norwegian positions have been mined.

All telephone and telegraph lines to Germany have been cut. The electricity supply of Oslo has been interrupted by opening the dam. — Reuter.

Fierce Fighting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The little towns of Elverum and Hamar are still in Norwegian hands but fierce fighting is going on around these cities. — Havas.

GERMAN VERSION OF OPERATIONS

Berlin, To-day.

A semi-official commentary on the Norwegian operations declares the reinforcement of some bases was continued.

More and more coastal batteries have been made ready for fighting. More air bases have been taken over and anti-aircraft positions extended.

The fresh supply of troops and munitions "is continuing without disturbance."

The coastal batteries off Trondheim repulsed light British naval forces which intended to rush forward.

The commentary repeats the claim that six British destroyers were sunk off Narvik, and asserts more destroyers have been destroyed by German naval and air forces. — Reuter.

Germans Ringed Round

London, To-day.

Apart from Oslo, where some German reinforcements are reported to have been landed, the German troops in Norway are more or less beleaguered.

At Narvik, the garrison is ringed round by Norwegians.

Further south, Bergen is at present being held by German troops estimated at about 2,000. An attempt to sally out has been repulsed by the Norwegians.

The German advance from Oslo has been fan-wise, to the north and east.

The official Nazi "News" Agency contradicts Wednesday's claim that Elverum has been taken and says that German troops have reached towns 25 miles to the east and 45 miles north-east of Oslo. Elverum is another 30 miles further north

DR. KOHT'S BROADCAST TO NATION

London, To-day.

The Norwegian Government has now got the broadcast stations at Bodoe and Tromsø in action and has broadcast orders and advice to the people to ignore the Oslo station, now Nazi-controlled.

Mr. Koht, Foreign Minister, in a broadcast in English on Thursday night, expressed the unflinching spirit of the Norwegians.

Norway, he said, wants to keep her freedom and "no threats, air attacks or guns can alter this desire."

"We are at war with Germany," he went on, "and consequently we are allied to all countries at war with Germany."

Meanwhile, over the Oslo station, M. Quisling, the puppet government head, announced that he had taken full control and instructed the population to keep peace and order.

The Germans themselves do not seem to be very certain about the status of Quisling's government, for they are at present withholding formal recognition of it.

The authority of King Haakon is recognised and will be so long as he does not leave Norway — but if he left he would have no standing, say the Nazis. — Reuter.

INDIAN EXTREMIST ARRESTED

Bombay, To-day.

Hundi Vishnu Kamath, general secretary of the All-India forward bloc, of which Subhas Chandra Bose is leader, was arrested yesterday under the Defence of India Act. — Reuter.

and is being guarded by Norwegians.

BIG BATTLE PENDING

In the east, a number of Norwegian troops have massed near the Swedish border and a big battle is expected near Kongsvinger, some 50 miles west-north-west of Oslo. The advancing Germans are backed up by aeroplanes and various points north and east of Oslo have been bombed.

The fact that the Nazis have not even got complete control of the area around Oslo is seen in the report yesterday that they had again bombed Frederikstad, on the Oslo Fjord, south of Oslo. — Reuter.

QUICKLY RECAPS

Stockholm, To-day.

An official Norwegian communique says that Major Hvossleff, "Foreign Minister" in the "puppet" government in Oslo, has arrived here after resigning his post.

Later he was flown to Norwegian military headquarters to join the army. — Reuter.

MUZZLING OF DANISH PRESS

London, To-day.

The muzzling of the Danish press is now admitted by the Germans. The commander of the invading forces told a neutral correspondent yesterday that so long as the Danish newspapers did not print articles against Germany they will not be interfered with—but if they do print such articles we will not tolerate it!

One hundred and seventy members of the British, French and Polish missions to Denmark are now on their way to Holland and are expected to arrive on Sunday morning. — Reuter.

GNEISENAU AND OTHER SINKINGS

Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian communique which mentions the sinking of the Gneisenau deals with naval operations in the past few days and mentions ports captured by the Germans. It says the Gneisenau was sunk in Oslo Fjord.

A 6,000-ton cruiser, assumed to be the Emden, and several smaller warships, destroyers and minesweepers, were also sunk.

The cruiser Karlruhe (6,000 tons) was sunk off Christiansand.

The Norwegian destroyer Aeger sank a large German vessel off Stavanger.

A German troop transport was sunk at Bergen and a direct hit scored on a warship.

Several Norwegian ships were sunk but the number of dead is uncertain. — Reuter.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

SWEDEN

An ironical tone is adopted by the "Dagens Nyheter" in referring to the second confiscation of the Swedish edition of Dr. Rauschning's book "Hitler Speaks." The paper says: "This ceremonial confiscation was carried out to the accompaniment of bows towards the south—towards Nazism. But the Swedish people do not like to see their leaders play the part of humble servants."

Concluding, the "Dagens Nyheter" declares: "Criticism of the dictatorships is an indispensable part of the democracies' spiritual defence. Opposition must not be silenced in the name of neutrality."

On the same subject the "Nyadagligt Allenhanda" states: "Switzerland has ordered the confiscation of this book, and it will be interesting to observe the behaviour of other Scandinavian countries. It is natural that there should be opposition to the confiscation, but it cannot be denied that the book is unobjective and contains a libel on the head of a foreign State. Further more, Germany regards Rauschning as a traitor."

GOEBBELIAN AROMA

Two further pieces of German propaganda appear to be going awry. Mr. Sumner Welles describes as fantastic nonsense German charges that he and M. Paul Reynaud discussed a French map purporting to whittle down the territory of the Reich, while neutral comment on the White Paper, recently issued by the Reich is just as telling. Thus the Swedish newspaper "Goteborgs-Posten" says "The German

White Book smelt of Goebbels a long way off, and aims to make Mr. Roosevelt the man who is pushing Europe into the war." It is more than likely that the German propaganda machine which apparently claims to have a monopoly of truth to the exclusion of all others, — and that even despite Herr Hitler's opinion on the necessity of lying large while about it being so well known, — has again overreached itself as it has done so frequently in past months and as it did so regularly during the last war. The Swedish journal remarks that German propaganda is more intensive now but no cleverer than then. If, as it is expected, the United States government, ultimately publishes its findings with regard to the propaganda campaign, which the Germans are actively prosecuting in the United States, interesting revelations are to be anticipated. What is so very strange is the fact that though the German lie is so quickly pounced upon and corrected by the Allies, the Reich appears unable to devise a new method of making a more convincing approach to the people it is endeavouring to sway towards itself. The thick-skinned vanity which leads them to believe that their methods must be best because they are German, and have the blessing of Herr Hitler and the facile Dr. Goebbels, would indeed be tragic if it were not so amusing. It is all the more so when a newspaper in a nation continually menaced by German might has the courage to come out and state that the White Paper has a Goebbellian aroma. — North China Daily News.

Must we periodically fight the bad Germans and then, after defeating them at terrible cost, help their good brethren to become strong and bad enough to resume their interrupted cycle of aggression? — Sir Eric Phipps.

SAYINGS OF THE WEEK

It would be well for us to consider whether the most deadly blow we could at this juncture deal to Hitler would not be through Stalin. — Sir Paul Dukes.

If we made it clear to Germany that we would never bomb undefended towns, whatever they did, we should condemn large numbers of our civilian population to destruction and probably be compelled to make terms with the enemy. — Professor A. Berriedale Keith.

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Anyone who has studied the proceedings of the Peace Conference of 1919 is forced to the conclusion that our good friends the French, as a nation, understood the German mentality as we Englishmen never have done and can never hope to do. — Mr. G. H. Keeton.

The people of the United States should come out from under the bed and look around. — Miss Dorothy Thompson.

The standard of life of the middle classes cannot be maintained after the war. — Sir Cyril Norwood.

COLD IN BED

Not since the days of the Walrus and the Carpenter has the oyster tribe been served quite such a dirty trick as is now reported from Holland. In the oyster-beds of Zeeland, it is announced, the recent weather has been so severe that 30 per cent. of the oysters have been frozen to death. This news may be mentioned with impunity because it is Dutch oysters that are affected; had it been the English natives of Whitstable and Colchester the poor things would have to be frozen for fifteen days before our sapient censorship would pass any obituary notices for publication. And the same thing would, of course, apply in cases of sunstroke among oysters of the English variety.

But perhaps this reticence is all for the best. Humanitarians (particularly those who are rich enough to indulge a taste for oysters) might find themselves unspeakably harrowed if they were allowed to hear from day to day of what is happening in the oyster-beds. Far better preserve silence and hope for the best—including a pious aspiration that the German oysters (if any) are also catching the worst of anything that is going. — "Guardian Weekly."

THE FIRST WAR LOAN

The Chancellor has held his hand for six months before bringing out the first war loan of the present war.

It is being offered at 3 per cent. interest and with a redemption date of fifteen to nineteen years. The interest rate corresponds exactly to the present yield of existing Government loans of similar duration. There can be no doubt that the £300,000,000 offered will be readily subscribed by private investors, by commercial companies, and by the large financial institutions. All these have recently found it hard to purchase Government securities without promptly bidding up prices. This flotation is only a beginning, and on its success depends whether the State will be able to finance its future war loans at a reasonable rate of interest. It is important, however, that the Government should not repeat the blunder made during the last war of paying the same interest for money created by the banks as for genuine savings. Some expansion of bank credit will probably be inevitable, but since the Government itself will induce the expansion it ought not to offer more than a nominal interest rate for the use of such money. It is understood that the banks will be permitted to advance loans to subscribers of the present issue for the purpose of paying the second instalment of 90 per cent. This may be a matter of temporary accommodation, but it may also become a back door to inflation. The first War Loan is small compared with those that must follow. Whatever may have to be done in the future, this loan, at least, should be strictly confined to the genuine savings that have been allowed to accumulate for the purpose. — Manchester Guardian.

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R. A. F. SHOOT DOWN FIVE GERMAN 'PLANES

One Squadron's Bag On Western Front

PILOT DESCRIBES ESCAPE BY PARACHUTE

With the Advanced Air Striking Force in France,

March 28.

A congratulatory telegram received by an R.A.F. fighting squadron at lunch-time to-day marked a sudden increase of aerial activity on the Western Front during the previous day.

British air fighters brought down at least five enemy 'planes and two others were so badly damaged that their safe return to Germany was regarded as impossible.

During the whole day not a single British airman lost his life, though one R.A.F. Hurricane fighter was lost. The pilot, a New Zealander, who escaped by parachute, described to-day how he and two other British machines fought nine Germans.

The squadron which received the congratulatory telegram from the Air Office commanding the British Air Forces in France, Air-Marshal A. S. Barratt, well deserved it, for the five machines known to have been shot down brought this squadron's "bag" for the war to 11 certainties.

The following communique was issued to-day from Air-Marshal Barratt's headquarters:

"Yesterday there was a marked increase in aerial activity on the Western Front in the neighbourhood of Metz.

"A formation of seven enemy reconnaissance aircraft, which was escorted by fighters, was intercepted and engaged by fighter patrols of the Royal Air Force. Several combats took place, and our fighters, having broken up the formation, forced the enemy to abandon his reconnaissance.

"One of our patrols encountered a formation of nine enemy fighters. In the ensuing fight two enemy aircraft were seen to go down in flames. One of our fighters was shot down, but the pilot escaped by parachute."

"PIKE IN AN AQUARIUM"

Enemy Machines Retire

The pilot who was shot down is a 21-year-old New Zealander known to his friends as "Cobber."

The morning was clear, with only a bank of clouds at about 4,000ft. Hostilities opened at 11 a.m., when 12 German machines were observed over the aerodrome. At once two of our machines went to the attack, one pilot being an officer and the other a sergeant.

"It was like two pike being let loose in an aquarium," said an onlooker to me to-day. "One moment the sky was full of white German machines and the next they were scattering all over the place. There was plenty of firing and the sergeant-pilot got a bullet through his propeller. All the machines made for Germany except one, which went on."

ONE AGAINST SEVEN

Attack on Nazi Bomber

A little later a flight lieutenant, aged 20, from London, was out on a solo patrol at about 15,000ft when he saw four Dorniers flying in a wide "V", with three Messerschmitt 110's supporting them at about 17,000ft. He picked out one of the Dorniers and attacked it.

At once the Dornier started to dive, but the British pilot went after it and pumped everything he had into it.

"I saw oil coming out of the machines," he said, "and then it went right down to about 4,000ft and was moving very slowly towards its own lines. I felt pretty certain it was done for."

About 2.40 p.m. the New Zealand pilot officer was on patrol with two other machines when nine Messerschmitt 109's were observed. The R.A.F. machines at once went into action. The New Zealander, when he limped into the mess to-day, gave me a dramatic account of his experiences.

SAW SMOKE AND FLAMES

Chase Towards Germany

"Two of the machines went past me and then I turned and got on the tails of the two following ones. Of the five other machines I think that three went up above to watch. Certainly one of them was circling around at something between 21,000 to 25,000ft.

"I soon had the measure of one of the machines and let go at him with all I had. Soon smoke and flames were pouring out and I left him. I did not see him go down, but my No. 2 did.

"Then I went after the second machine, which was beating it for Germany. I caught him at last and shot him down. Other German machines were firing at me now, I think probably those I had earlier noticed circling overhead. They were firing cannon and suddenly thought the top of my head had been blown away.

"Perhaps I was knocked unconscious for a bit. A any rate, the next thing I remember is realising that my hood had gone, the machine was on fire and diving steeply.

"I put up my left arm for my parachute and such was the force of the wind that it seemed half an hour before I could force it down again. I pulled the stick hard back to try and stall and bent down to switch off the petrol, hoping to put out the flames.

"Then I jumped out. My first impression was one of immense relief at getting into the fresh air. Then I remembered that I had not pulled the rip-cord of my parachute. Next all went white. But it was only the cloud bank, and I came down at last in the middle of a ploughed field only half a mile from the German lines.

"There I lay for a bit taking stock of things. I pulled myself together and wrecked my parachute. Then I had to decide which way to go. There was a village near by, which I afterwards discovered to be in German hands.

ANTI-FRENCH SONG FOR NAZIS

The High Command of the German Forces has given permission for the singing of the well-known soldier song of the last war, "Our Victory Will Crush France," which had formerly been prohibited.

This measure is significant of the changed attitude towards France which has gained ground recently.

but I started to run towards the sun. I had not gone far when I was challenged by a French officer, who levelled his revolver at me.

"I explained who I was, and he took me along, and later explained things to soldiers who had appeared with fixed bayonets.

"I went on the back of a motorcycle to a French mess, where a French doctor bound up my leg grazes, which I think came from shrapnel. Then they took me home in a car."

COMPANIONS' SUCCESS

Both "Cobber's" companions on patrol, a 23-year-old flying officer

from Devon and a sergeant-pilot from Hitchin, aged 24, emerged successfully from their fights.

The flying officer was quite satisfied that he had sent his opponent's machine crashing down. The sergeant-pilot had sent many bursts into the plane he was pursuing and saw flame and smoke streaming from it when it found cover in a cloudbank.

In the final engagement three of our aircraft on patrol noticed anti-aircraft fire and went to investigate. As they got near they saw 12 Messerschmitt 109s. With the sun from behind to help them, our 'planes' approach was unnoticed for some time. When they were at last spotted the Germans started to widen out in circles, and into these circlings our machines joined.

Then the Germans broke formation and some made for home, but a 23-year-old flying officer from Warwick got on the tail of two of them and sent the first of them whistling down. He chased the other well into Germany and when over an aerodrome he settled the long-drawn-out affair.

"The German dived," he said, "and then made the error of coming up in front of me. It was a perfect target and I loosed off. The machine turned over quite slowly and then went down in flames. I was attacked going home, but not very seriously, and got back with nothing worse than a bullet through a wing."



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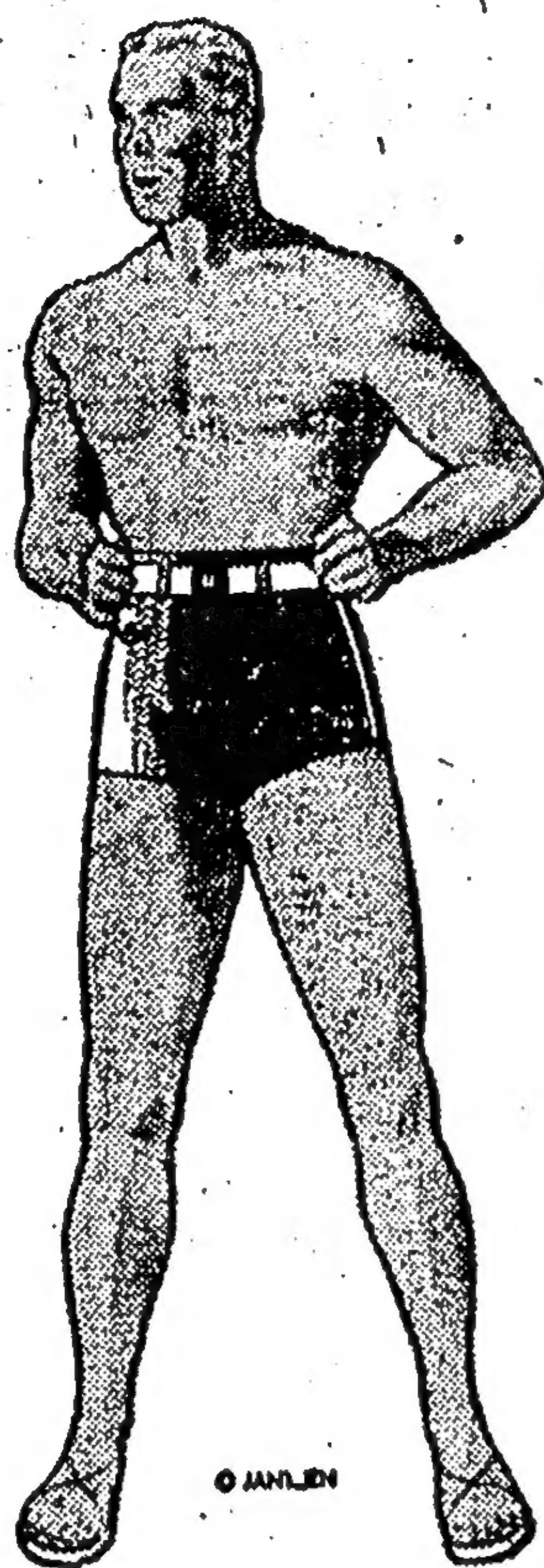
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SHANGHAI ELECTION LESSONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.
The outcome of the Shanghai Municipal elections was received with considerable elation in local quarters who pointed out that third party nationals obviously were not taken in by the Japanese promises.

A high Chinese official, interviewed by the press, said: "The S. M. C. polls shows the universal distrust towards the Japanese. No one is willing to accept Japanese rule and no one believes that any good can come from it."

A number of Chinese observers point out that the successful result of British-American co-operation in Shanghai should be borne in mind by those two Powers in their general attitude towards Far Eastern affairs. —Havas.

KIDNAPPING GANG ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
THE SETTLEMENT POLICE HAVE ARRESTED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF AN EXTENSIVE GANG WHICH SPECIALISES IN CHILD ABDUCTION WITH A NETWORK EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTHERN COASTAL CITIES.

So far, 12 boys are missing and are believed to have been taken to Amoy and other points in Fukien Province.

The Police previously recovered two abducted children and returned them to their parents following the apprehension of the kidnappers. —Havas.

WHISKERS ON PARADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.
THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HIRSUTE "WHISKERS SOCIETY" WAS HELD HERE WITH SOME HUNDRED MEMBERS PRESENT ALL OF WHOM WERE WEARING CAREFULLY TENDED MOUSTACHES.

Among those attending were white-bearded Mitsuru Toyama, famous chief of the Black Dragon Society, Sakutaro Hori, claimant of the most distinguished model beard and whiskers, Gosengoku Koyama, a hermit who came from his Kujukiyama mountain hermitage, Rikio Sugang, famous explorer, and Gosuke Imai, a member of the House of Peers.

The champion's title for the coming six months - went to Naosaburo Kato, already holder of the title.

Kato unfurled his 5 ft. 7½ inch beard and no-one present was able to match it. —Havas.

NO POLITICS OVER GREENLAND?

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt told the press yesterday he had asked the Red Cross to examine the needs of the inhabitants of Greenland in case supply ships from Denmark were cut off.
The President refused to discuss political questions concerning Greenland, which he termed hypothetical and premature. —Reuter.

THE "GAZETTE"

The following official appointments, etc. are gazetted:

Approval of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for a further period.

Messrs. D. Drummond and F. J. de Rome nominated as Members of the Court of the University of H.K. for a further period.

Dr. Hua Tse-jen to be a Member of the Nurses Board.

Mr. E. C. Luscombe to be a Member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Marine Assistance Fund of H.K.

Mr. H. H. Pegg to be an Assistant Director of Public Works.

Mr. A. E. Lissaman to be an Executive Engineer.

Mr. L. H. McCabe to be a Land Surveyor.

Mr. B. H. Puckle to be Assistant Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Sub-Insp. R. R. McEwen to be an Examiner of Weights and Measures.

Mr. H. A. Keller assumed charge of the Swiss Consulate at H.K.

Mr. T. Oda to be in charge of the Japanese Consulate-General.

CAMBODIA REFORM

Pnompenh, To-day.
The King of Cambodia has signed an ordinance creating a chamber of popular representation, replacing the present native consultative committee.

The new constitution is based on those of Annam and Tonkin. The franchise will embrace a large electoral body and the Chamber is endowed with extensive powers.

The step is systematic of the French Government's policy of giving the Indo-Chinese a greater measure of control of their own interests. —Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



ALLIES REGAINING PRECIOUS GROUND, NEUTRALS PROCLAIM

London, To-day.

THE BRUSSELS PAPER "Libre Belgique" writes: "After losing the first game, the Allies are hourly regaining precious ground."

The "Peuple" comments: "Certain neutral journalists have reproached the British Admiralty for lack of foresight. Can one reasonably expect them to foresee a suicidal stroke from the enemy, or even if they had foreseen it, to prevent such an act of folly?"

"Information at present received implies that the German adventure in Norway is becoming a veritable disaster."

All important papers emphasise, by headlines and communiques, the importance of the Allied successes.

Many compare Norway's attitude of defiance with Belgium's in 1914.

In Ankara the newspaper "Cumhuriyet" states: "This German reaction to the intensification of the blockade should be viewed with satisfaction for it proves to the neutral states that the present war, although apparently directed against the Allies, also constitutes a threat to their existence."

DUTY TO PERFORM

The "Yene Sabah" says: "If all the countries, great or small, grasp the situation properly and perform their duty accordingly, the Nazi plague could be stamped out in a shorter time."

The "Ulus Ankara" comments: "The German pretext that they only forestalled an Allied invasion, is only comparable with other specious pretexts for the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia and Poland. The Nazi attack on the Scandinavians was long and minutely prepared, else the occupation could not have been effected so widely and swiftly. Far from contributing to the victory of Germany, the latest developments will contribute to her defeat."

EXTRAORDINARY RISKS

The Goteborg newspaper "Morgon Post" states: "German occupation of Norway seems to have met with a number of reverses," while the "Goteborg Posten" says: "In any case Germany suffered heavy losses and the Germans undertook extraordinary risks. The broad and deep Skagerrak currents are bad for effective mine-laying net with many holes. The Germans laughed at the Americans in the last war but an expensive coup de grace can now happen again."

The Goteborg "Handels Tidning" writes: "It seems that the Norwegians are getting necessary arms from England. Their nerves, thank God, hold. The English Fleet's speed and power in an admirable offensive was as implacable and strong as when Nelson's flag flew from the Victory."

U.S. LESS ALOOF?

The American paper "Cleveland Plain Dealer" points out that the isolationists are strongest in the Middle West. But these states are inhabited largely by people of Danish, Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish extraction.

"The Finns of course, changed their mind about isolation when Russia crossed the Karelian Isthmus. The other Scandinavians undoubtedly will now be more inclined to take a less aloof view of trans-Atlantic matters thanks to his gross indifference to the independence of small nations, Adolf Hitler has helped to swell the tide of American sentiment against himself."

The Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" points out that the lightning attacks by Germany against small states appear to be last-minute improvisations but actually are the result of long secret preparation.

Propaganda asserts that the action was taken on account of the tremendous provocation but it appears that

German troops who landed at Copenhagen at 5 o'clock on Tuesday morning had been waiting in the harbour for two days and had arrived the day before the British mining."

PLAYING ALLIES' GAME

The "Gazette de Lausanne" military correspondent writes: "One seeks vainly the advantage of the Reich in penetrating Norway. Detachments which made the surprise landing at coastal towns can only receive supplies from the sea. The Allies can much easier support the small Norwegian army than Germany her expeditionary force. By sending out the Fleet in this adventure, Germany is simply playing the Allies' game.—Reuter."

NEW B.O.T. ORDER

London, To-day.

A Board of Trade Order was made yesterday prohibiting exports except under licence of all goods to Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden and Russian ports on the Baltic and Arctic seas, in view of the uncertainties in the military and political situation existing there.—Reuter.

CODE TELEGRAMS

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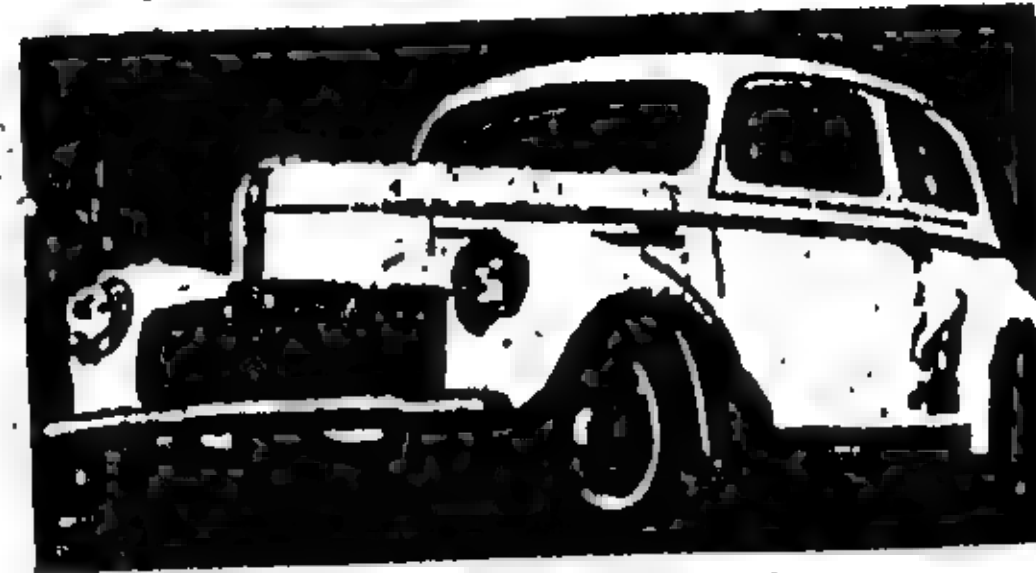
An extraordinary meeting of the Kowloon Football Club yesterday, it is decided to raise the entrance fee and subscription to \$20 and \$3 per month from \$15 and \$1 respectively.

Mr. B. D. Evans, Chairman, said the Club was facing a deficit of over \$2,000 on the year working through an excess of expenditure over income of about \$200 every month. The Committee had looked into the question of reducing the expenditure but found this was impossible, and as a result it was now proposed to increase the entrance fee and subscription.

The meeting also decided to limit each member's credit to \$50 a month.

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Manila	April 15.
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MONDAY		
Canton	Reg.,	Apr. 15, 7.15 a.m.
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Haiphong	Reg.,	Apr. 15, 3.00 p.m.
Canton	Ord.,	Apr. 15, 7.00 p.m.
TUESDAY		
Manila, Magassar and Sourabaya	Reg.,	Apr. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong	Ord.,	Apr. 16, Noon.
Parcels only for Tientsin	Reg.,	Apr. 16, 12.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin	Ord.,	Apr. 16, 5.00 p.m.
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	Ord.,	Apr. 16, 5.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd April.	Reg.,	G.P.O. Apr. 16, 5.00 p.m.
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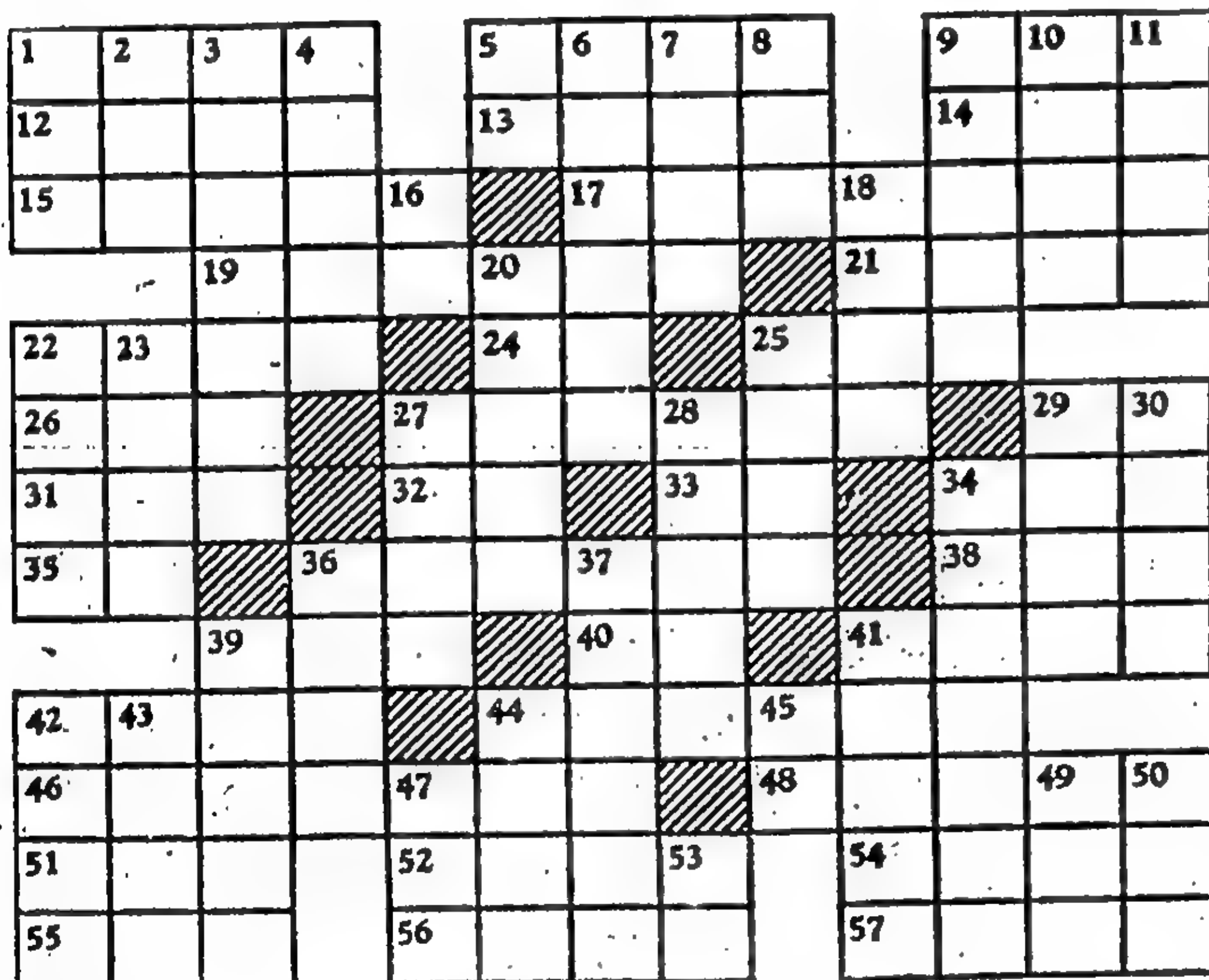
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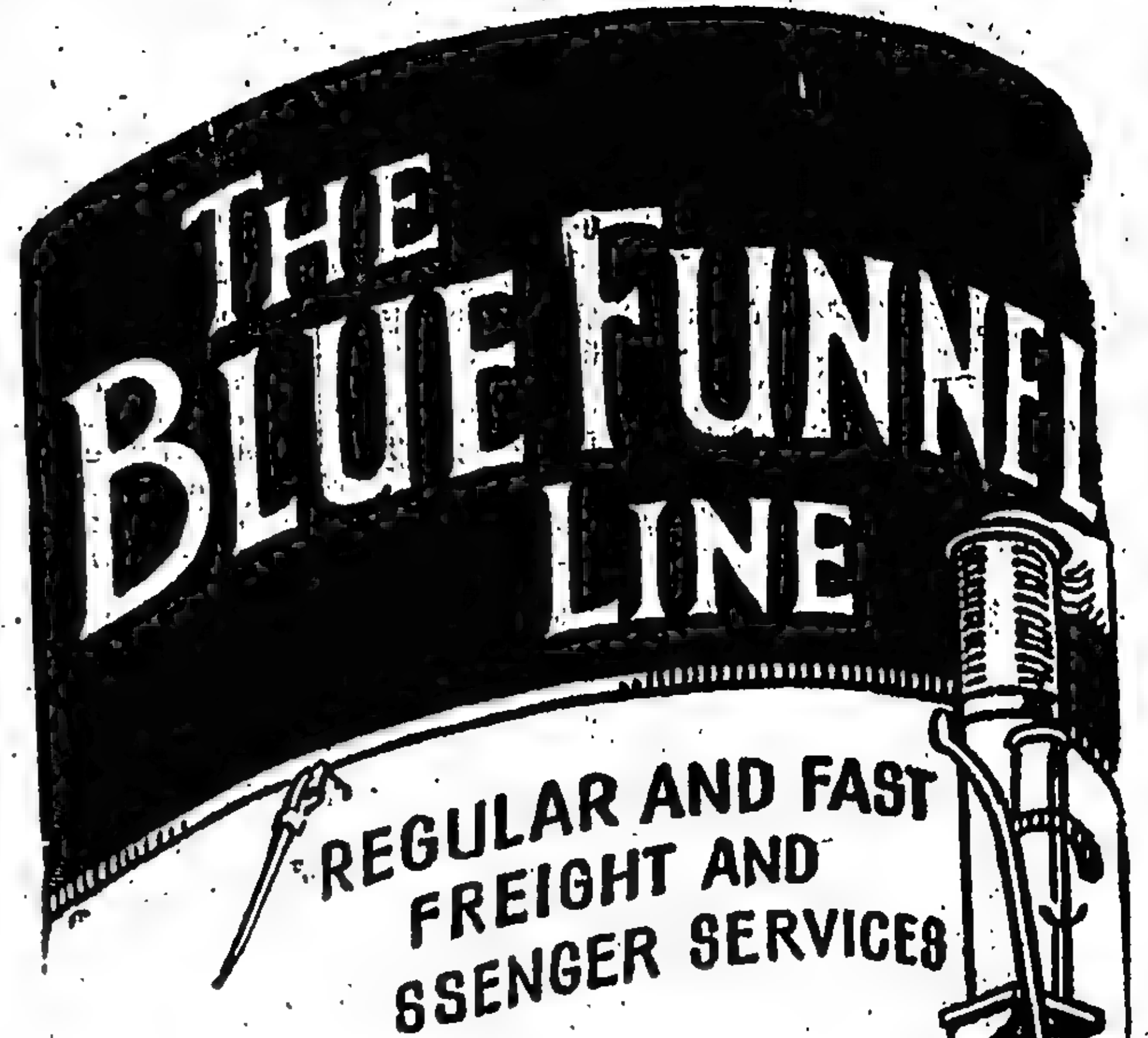
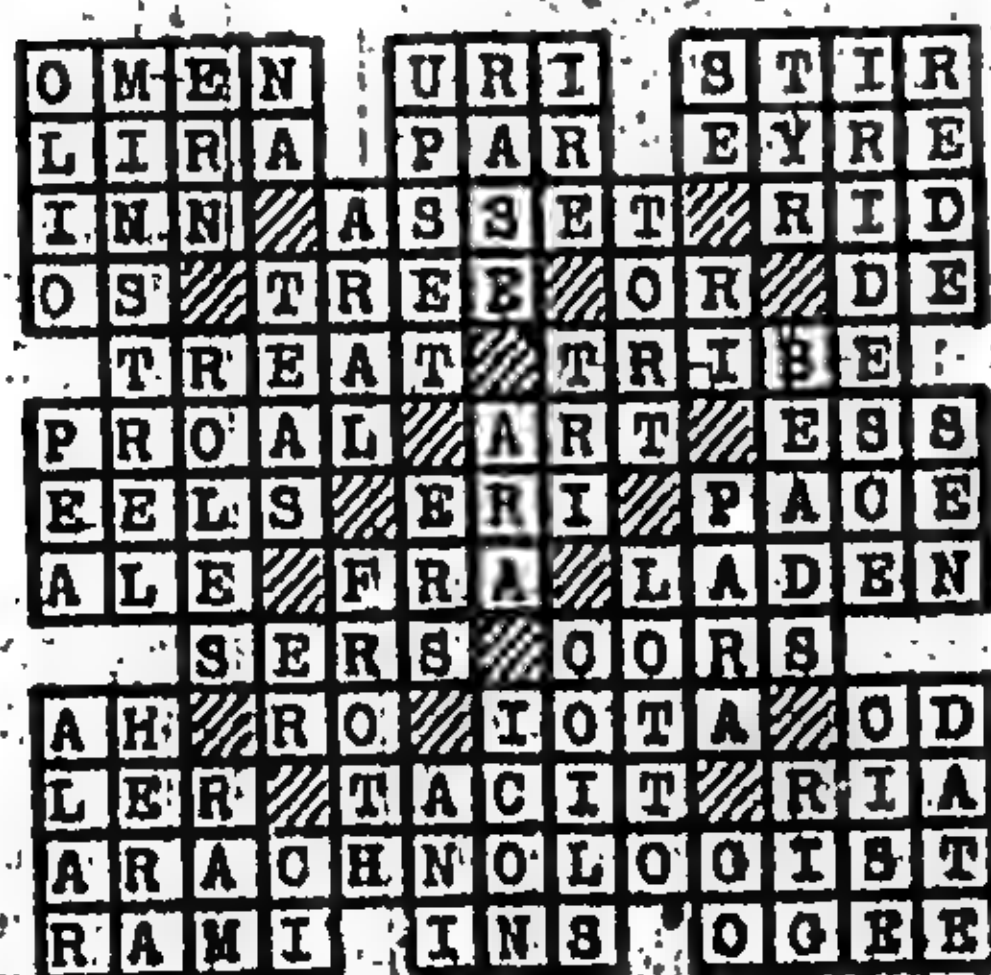
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- 33 About
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- 36 Morning services
- 38 Island of the Cyclades
- 39 To cool
- 40 Earth goddess
- 41 Former ruler

- 42 Egg-shaped
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- 46 German secret police
- 48 To speak
- 51 To allow
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- 1 Sprite
- 2 To decry
- 3 Gold in mass
- 4 Confined
- 5 Latin conjunction
- 6 Body of singers
- 7 Mature
- 8 To handle
- 9 To frighten
- 10 Limousine

- 11 Mounds
- 16 Preposition
- 18 To interpret
- 20 Attack
- 22 Clamp
- 23 To unfasten
- 25 Crude metals
- 27 Wolfhound
- 28 Placed in a vase
- 29 Continent
- 30 Ancient musical instrument
- 34 To trap
- 36 Germinated grain
- 37 To overlook
- 39 Abstains from food
- 41 Gateway to Buddhist temple
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
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By Order of the Board of Directors.
H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th April, 1940.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M. C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

HONG KONG.

Friday, 12th April, 1940.

RESIGNATION OF COMMISSION
Extract from H. K. Government Gazette No. 14 of 5.4.40.

"No. 367 — His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that Lieutenant JOHN ROBINSON be allowed to resign his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 5th April, 1940."

M. G. & L. G. CLASSIFICATIONS
Stonecutters. 21st April, Nos. 2 and 3 Coys.

Kowloon City. 21st April.
A Range—Nos. 3 and 6 Coys. Table D.

B Range—No. 6 Coy.
Kowloon City. 28th April, No. 7 Coy. B Range. Table D.

PARADES

Corps Artillery

1ST BATTERY

Tuesday, 16th April, Belchers. 5.30 p.m. D. K. F. Class under 2/Lt. H. S. Jones and Sgt. Sleep. Dress—Overalls.
Wednesday, 17th April, Belchers. 6.15 p.m. All members are required to attend this parade to arrange summer training programme and select candidates for layers and Lewis gun classes.

2ND BATTERY

Monday, 15th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Pay parade. Dress—Mufli.
Sunday, 28th April, Peak Range. 8.30 a.m. Table A for O. Rs. who have not tired.

3RD BATTERY

Monday, 15th April. (i) Belchers. 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. class. Dress—Overalls and S. D. Caps. (ii) H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Lewis Gun Squad. Dress—Overalls and S. D. Caps.

Wednesday, 17th April. Quartermaster's Stores will be available for 3rd Battery for the issuing and changing of kit.

Thursday, 18th April, Belchers. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class. All N.C.O.s. to attend. Dress—Overalls and S. D. caps.
Friday, 19th April, Wellington Bks. 5.15 p.m. D.E.L. Section.

4TH BATTERY

Monday, 15th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s.
Tuesday, 16th April, D.E.L. School. D.E.L. personnel.
Friday, 19th April, Queen's Pier. 5.30 p.m. Returning 8 p.m. No. 1 Gun—"A" Relief, B. C. Staff—"B" Relief. D.E.L. personnel. Dress—S.D. cap, overalls, gun platform shoes.

CORPS ARTILLERY

5TH A. BATTERY

Sunday, 14th April, Queen's Pier. 9.30 a.m. No. 1 Section. Dress—Overalls.
Tuesday, 16th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture. Dress—Mufli.

Thursday, 18th April. (i) Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section. Dress—Overalls. (ii) H. Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Section. General drill. Dress—Jacket and trousers.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 15th April, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Discussion on Exercise.
Thursday, 18th April, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by Sections. Respirators, knives etc to be returned to Stores.

CORPS SIGNALS

Saturday, 13th April, H. Q. 2.15 p.m. Those detailed for line work under Sgt. Rathmell.

Monday, 15th April, H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

Friday, 19th April, H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

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Monday, 15th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class—Mechanism. B and C Class—Map reading and message writing.

Friday, 19th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes—L. G. instruction.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Monday, 16th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes—Map reading and message writing.

Friday, 19th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Promotion examinations.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Tuesday, 16th April, (i) No. 1 Squad, those detailed. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Promotion examination. (ii) Remainder. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.

Friday, 19th April, (i) Remainder of No. 1 Squad. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Promotion examination. (ii) No. 5 Squad. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. (iii) Remainder. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 16th April. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class.

Thursday, 18th April. (i) No. 6 Pl. Kowloon Docks. 5.30 p.m. M. G. instruction. (ii) No. 7 Pl. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Foot and Arms drill. Belt and frog must be worn.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Monday, 15th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

Thursday, 18th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Sunday, 14th April, Kowloon City Range. 8.15 a.m. Corps Rifle Meeting. Those detailed. Dress—S. D. Caps, jackets, trousers, boots and web belts.

Friday, 19th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. I.A.

Sunday, 21st April, Kowloon City Range. 2 a.m. L. G. Classification Table "D". All those who have not already fired.

NO. 6 COMPANY

Tuesday, 16th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Foot and Arms drill.

NO. 8 COMPANY

Tuesday, 15th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Foot and Arms drill.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Thursday, 18th April, H. Q. 5.45 p.m. L. A. training. Section drill and I. A. Stoppages. N.C.O.'s.—Drill instruction Class.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Tuesday, 16th April, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Supplies Section and those detailed from Transport Section. Squad drill. Dress—Overalls and S. D. cap.

Thursday, 18th April, Kowloon Bus Company's Garage, Castle Peak Road. 5.30 p.m. Transport Section. Lecture. Dress—Mufli. Transport as usual.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 17th April, Murray Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 19th April, St. Paul's College. 5.30 p.m.

PAY SECTION

Friday, 19th April, Command Headquarters (not Vol. H. Q.) 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. detailed by O. C. Unit. Practical work on Soldiers' accounts.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENTS

Corps Orders No. 25/40 of the 29.3.40. Para. 6. LEAVE. For period of leave granted to Capt. C.W.L. "15.5.40-14.12.40." read "6.5.40-5.12.40."

Corps Orders No. 26/40 of the 5.4.40. Para. 8. LEAVE. For period of leave granted to Pte. C. M. Lee "31.12.39-30.6.41" read "31.12.39-30.6.40."

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

2051, Bdr. A. J. Macfayden, 2nd Bty. Sergt. 8.4.40.

2664, Bdr. N. J. Bebbington 2nd Bty. Sergt. 8.4.40.

3229, Gnr. A. M. J. Wright, 2nd Bty. L/Bdr. 8.4.40.

3171, L/C. J. P. Rush Ed. Coy. Engs. Corpl. 11.4.40.

2575, Spr. J. M. Wilson, Ed. Coy. Engs. L/Cpl. 11.4.40.

3549, Spr. T. A. Warnes, Ed. Coy. Engs. L/Cpl. 11.4.40.

4262, Spr. F. J. Neill, Ed. Coy. Engs. L/Cpl. 11.4.40.

3530, Spr. E. G. K. Humphrey Ed. Coy. Engs. L/Cpl. 11.4.40.

TRANSFERS

3838, Gnr. H. J. Crutwell, 2nd Bty. No. 1 Coy. 12.4.40.
2138, L/C. K. Crawford, Armd. C. Pl. Mob. Col. H. Q. 12.4.40.
DR115, Pte. K. A. Kalzunhy, Mob. Col. H. Q. M. M. G. Pl. 12.4.40.

LEAVE

3452, L/Bdr. P. F. Cathrew, 5th A. Bty. 16.3.40-31.5.40.
2655, C.Q.M.S. R. E. Stott, No. 4 Coy. 11.4.40-16.8.40.

DR112, Pte. J. H. Woodler, No. 3 Coy. 15.4.40-30.4.40.

3631, Gnr. H. G. Stewart, 2nd Bty. 16.4.40-26.4.40.

2587, Pte. K. W. Forrow, Air Arm. 28.4.40-17.5.40.

DR73, Pte. L. A. Lewis, A. S. C. Coy. 12.5.40-3.7.40.

3541, Pte. W. A. H. Duff, No. 1 Coy. 1.6.40-30.11.40.

4032, L/Bdr. G. H. Cauthery, 5th A. A. Bty. 27.3.40-26.5.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

4036, L/C. G. Abraham, Field Ambulance. 11.3.40.

DR80, Pte. R. A. Carroll, A. S. C. Coy. 27.3.40.

2784, Gnr. J. Kwok, 4th Battery. 29.3.40.

3431, Gnr. H. S. Ip, 4th Battery. 29.3.40.

3684, Pte. V. E. Ferrier, A. S. C. Coy. 29.3.40.

2067, Gnr. F. Simonsen, 3rd Battery. 11.4.40.

3456, Pte. T. Y. Chiu, No. 7 Coy. 1.4.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4323, Gnr. W. Lee, 4th Bty. 29.3.40.

DR117, Pte. R. A. Boyd, No. 3 Coy. 9.4.40.

4324, Pte. W. J. Bagley, Stanley Platoon. 9.4.40.

4325, Pte. V. A. Novikov, Mob. Column. 8.4.40.

E. N. THURSBY.

Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Corps Rifle Meeting—14.4.40

Competitors should note that the Musketry Competition and Francis Cup Competition will commence at 8.30 a.m. and NOT 9.30 a.m. as stated in the programme. There will be no "practice."

Dress—S. D. caps, jackets, trousers, boots, web belts.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

LECTURE

The next lecture in Home Nursing will be held on Friday, 19th April, at 5.30 p.m. in the St. Johns Cathedral Hall.

ATTACHMENT

The undermentioned member was attached to the Military Hospital, Hong Kong during the period shown: Mrs. S. H. Langston—1-15/4/40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Miss H. Brewer—3/4/40.

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THE CHINA MAIL, APRIL 13, 1940

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Both Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Champions, "Y" Ladies and Argonauts, respectively, will be seen in action against Rest teams.

Seniors will bully-off at 3 p.m., while the Juniors will follow at 4.15 p.m. on the same ground.

Following are the teams:—

"Y" Ladies:—Miss C. Minot; Mrs. Anne Dudley and Mrs. I. Stone; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Violet Fowler, Miss B. Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Macklin and Miss Buchanan.

Argonauts:—Miss S. Silva; Miss I. Xavier and Miss B. Xavier; Miss R. Xavier; Miss N. Silva and Miss L. Sequeira; Miss I. Mathias, Miss M. Xavier, Miss C. Xavier,

Miss M. Maxwell and Miss C. Marques. Senior Rest:—Miss D. Moss (C.B.A.); Miss G. White (St. Andrew's) and Mrs. M. White (C.B.A.); Miss S. Rousseau (C.B.S.); Miss I. L. Woolley (C.B.A.) and Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's); Miss G. Marr (Hong Kong); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's) (Captain), Miss M. Shand (C.B.S.), Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's) and Miss C. Remedios (Recrelo).

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Junior Rest:—Miss C. Silva (Recrelo); Mrs. V. Trimmer ("Y") and Mrs. M. Mackay (C.B.A.); Miss S. Gehring (C.B.S.); Miss M. Stokes ("Y") and Miss P. Lang (D.G.S.); Miss L. Rodrigues (Recrelo); Miss V. Churn (D.G.S.); Miss D. Craig (C.B.S.); Miss P. Beraha (C.B.S.) and Miss T. Jex (St. Andrew's).

Reserves:—Miss G. Darby (St. Andrew's), Miss V. Beaumont (C.B.A.), Miss B. Rickwood (D.G.S.) and Miss M. Figueiredo (Recrelo).

"Y" HOCKEY DANCE

Remembering what good fun the previous dances were, many will be interested to learn that the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club are once more holding an end of season cabaret dance, the proceeds of which will go to the British War Organisation Fund.

The dance will be held on Friday, April 19th, in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, where Art Caneiro's Band will be in attendance from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Those well-known favourites Nina Jordan and Pauline Strange will contribute to the evening's enjoyment by presenting several speciality dances, while Ernie Fowler and his Pal will make the music go round.

Tickets—\$3.50 double and \$2.00 single—may be purchased beforehand through members or at the Y.M.C.A. —Contributed.



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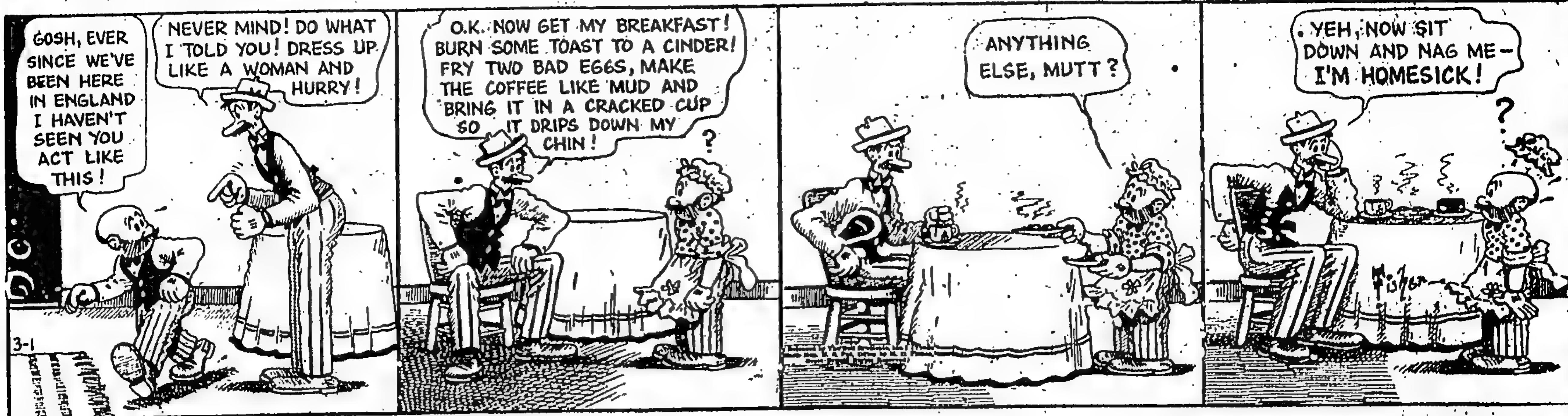
(BY "RAPIER")

Master Li Po-chun took out Mr. H. Leigh's Guinness Time, in company with his father's pony Attacking Time, ridden by the Russian trainer, for a trial gallop this morning, and after passing the six furlongs post Master Li found that his left foot had come out of the stirrup. He was on the verge of being thrown, with possible serious consequences, when the Russian trainer caught hold of the pony just in time and narrowly averted a serious accident. Master Li then dismounted at the 1½ mile post and walked back to the stable, none the worse for his experience.

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A Relay of Association & Rugby Football

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Jimmy Dorsey and Duke Ellington Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Back to Back (from 'Second Fiddle'); The Lamp is Low....Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Black and Tan Fantasy; Fox-Trot—Black Beauty....Duke Ellington & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Garden of the Moon (from the film); Slow Fox-Trot—Love Is Where You Find It (film 'Garden of the Moon')....Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Three Little Words....Duke Ellington & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Wah-Hoot; T'ain't No Use....Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Rale Da Costa, Geraldo and His Rumba Orchestra and The Hill Billies.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Mozart Concerto And "At The Black Dog"

& Doris Waters.
Fox-Trots—Chinese Rhythm; Weakness.... Cab Calloway & His Orchestra.
Hawaiian Orch.—Valse Bleue (Margis); Cribbribin (Pestalozzi)....Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—I'll Bet You Tell That To All The Boys (Tobias-Steph); Nothing's Blue But The Sky (Newman-Spina)....Len Berman with Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Quivering Quavers; Slow Fox-Trot—Dance of the Gaddy....Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.
Comedienne—In High Society (E. & D. Waters); Wedding Bells (E. & D. Waters)....Elsie & Doris Waters.
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"At The Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Local sport results.
9.32 p.m.—Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.
A Marriage Has Been Arranged (Hayhurst & Mayer); A Rendezvous with a Dream (film 'Poppy'); Alone Again (Woods).
9.42 p.m.—The Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Waltzes—Broken Life (arr. Schwartz); Tosca (arr. Schwartz).
Waltz of the Lost Love (arr. Schwartz).
His Dreamy Waltz (arr. Schwartz).
9.55 p.m.—Light Variety.
Memories of Lehar—Vocal Gems. Intro: You are my heart's delight; Love's Melody; Smokeland; Gypsy Love....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
Jerome Kern Melodies (arr. Henry Hall). Intro: There's a hill beyond a hill; Blue Eyes; Dancing Time; Look for the Silver Lining; She didn't say yes; Whose baby are you; Who; Moon Love; I've told every little star; Wild Rose....New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocalists.
Alice Delysia Memories. Intro: If you could care for me; Minon; I Like a Man; Please Do It Again; Sometimes when I am Far Away....Alice Delysia (Soprano) with Orchestra.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—I Poured My Heart Into A Song (film 'Second Fiddle')....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy; Fox-Trot—Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love....Jack Hylton & His Orch.
Waltz—Mexicali Rose (from 'Rhythm on the Ranch'); Fox-Trot—Deep In A Dream....Oscar Rabin & His Romany Band.
Fox-Trots—What Goes Up Must Come Down (from 'Cotton Club Parade'); Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from 'Cotton Club Parade')....Gerald & His Orch.
Rumbas—International Rumba; Antilana....Lecuona Cuban Boys.
Fox-Trots—There's Something Wrong with the Weather; I Never Knew Heaven could Speak (film 'Rose of Washington Square')....Jack Harris & His Orch.
Tango—Black Orchids; Spanish March—A Ball in Madeira....Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—White Sails; It Seems Like Old Times....Ruby Newman & His Orch.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".
11.15 p.m.—London Relay—Association Football at Wembley—England v. Wales.
Wakelam's commentary on Rugger.
12.00 midnight.—CLOSE DOWN.

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(By The Four Aces)

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EASILY FOOLED

To-day's hand provided some interesting fireworks in a recent Duplicate game at the Cavendish Club in New York City. At every single table South played the hand at some number of spades, but the contracts varied from four to six. In several instances five spades doubled was made, and at one table South actually bid and made a Small Slam although his opponents held three Aces. A little deception helped.

Duplicate Bridge
South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ —
♥ K Q J 10 4
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K J 9 7 2
♠ J 4
♥ A 8 3
♦ A K Q J
♣ 7 2
♠ 6 5
♠ A K Q 10 9 7 6 3
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 10 4
The bidding:
South West North East
4♠ 5♦ 5♥ Pass
6♠ Dbl. Pass Pass
Pass

South was out for a top score and he thought that he would have a good chance for his Slam provided (a) a diamond was opened, and (b) North turned up with the 'tops' in hearts.

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1

Sure enough, West opened a diamond, but South experienced a sinking feeling as he gazed at the Ace-less dummy. He decided on a simple subterfuge that could not hurt and might possibly deceive his opponents. After trumping the diamond, Declarer led the club ten and covered with the King from dummy. His plan was to deceive East

into thinking that his partner held the Queen. While we claim that East was very naive, it succeeded. East won the trick with the club Ace and returned a club. Of course South then won all the rest of the tricks.

The heart return should have been completely obvious, for if Declarer had held the Ace, he would simply have drawn trumps and run off dummy's heart suit. In other words, just plain common sense should have told East that if South had held the Ace of hearts, he would not have had to bother with the club suit at all.

Yesterday, with both sides vulnerable, you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ —
♥ A 10 x x
♦ A K x x x
♣ K 10 x

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby Maier You
Pass Pass 4♠ (?)

ANSWER: Bid four notrump. This is a conventional artificial bid made only with a very powerful hand. It demands a takeout by partner in his best suit.

Score 100% for four notrump, 50% for double, 40% for five clubs (can rescue if doubled), 80% for five diamonds.

QUESTION NO. 383

You are Merwin Maier's partner. Both sides are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ 10 x x x
♥ x x
♦ J x x
♣ J x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone You Schenken Maier
Pass Pass 4♠ 4NT
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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DICK TURPIN FAVOURED TO WIN IN MACAO

But Faces Stern Opposition From Pumelo

FAIRY AUK, FEI YING AND DOW-JONES ARE LIKELY WINNERS

(By "RAPIER")

THE APRIL MEETING of Macao Jockey Club will be held at the Arela Preta Course to-morrow, with a programme of six events, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Hong Kong Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's s.s. Taishan will leave Hong Kong at 8 a.m. The return journey for racegoers will be made on the s.s. Kinshan, which leaves Macao at 3 a.m. on Monday, as s.s. Taishan is returning from the Portuguese colony at 2-30 p.m. to-morrow.

RACE NO. 1.—CHUNG SHAN STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

The opening race of the day is confined to "Y" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club, winners this year barred, and I expect to see the following contesting the finish:—

Fairy Auk.
Gold Clause.
Hogmanay.

Fairy Auk entered for the Victory Handicap at the last meeting, but did not start, and, judging from its second placing behind Shanghai 4 in the Szechuen Handicap over five furlongs at the January meeting, it should win. The real danger will come from Hogmanay. This pony ran second to Shanghai 4 in the Victory Handicap at the last meeting and should be very near at the finish. Gold Clause came third to Rothesay Bay in the Pleasant Quarters Handicap over six furlongs at the March meeting.

I fancy Fairy Auk to win, with Hogmanay second, and Gold Clause third.

RACE NO. 2.—JOCKEY CUP: FIVE FURLONGS

This is the main event of the afternoon—a Dollar Sweep has been selling fast in connection with it—and it will be contested by "D" Class Australian ponies. The following will probably face the starter:—

Dick Turpin (Mr. Chao).
Pumelo (Mr. P. P. Botelho).
Quick Despatch (Mr. Yuen).
Tarzan (Mr. Wei).
Zodiac (Mr. Liang).

Dick Turpin, for its win in the Kwanti Cup at Fanning over six furlongs at the last meeting, has been penalised 22 lbs. but, in view of the short distance, I believe it can still win. Pumelo ran quite well at the Valley last Saturday in the St. Kilda Handicap over the mile, leading right up to the football stands, when it faded out of the race, and as it is only five furlongs to-morrow it is likely to give Dick Turpin a good run if it does not actually win. Tarzan is also useful over this distance.

I nominate Dick Turpin to win with Pumelo second and Tarzan third.

RACE NO. 3.—CHINSHAN HANDICAP: (FIRST SECTION): FIVE FURLONGS

The entries in this race come from ponies classified "E" Class by Hong Kong Jockey Club, and it appears to me that The Tigress (Mr. Chao) stands about the best chance of winning. At the Second Extra meeting, in the Gin Drinkers Bay Handicap over half a mile, it came in third to Valorous and Radium Star when carrying 168 lbs., and as these two ponies are not competing it should not find much difficulty in carrying off the first prize. The next best pony is Gallant Marshal, winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section) at the March meeting and which will be taken out again by Mr. Wei, while Lucky Eleven, if again headed by Mr. S. C. Liang, should also be in the picture.

My nominations are: The Tigress to win, with Gallant Marshal second and Lucky Eleven third.

RACE NO. 4.—HIN WANG CUP: ONCE ROUND

This race will be contested by "D" Class, China ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club, and I expect Fei Ying (Mr. Wei), winner of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section) on the first day of the Second Extra meeting at the Valley, to win with Double Chance (Mr. Tao), which was third in this same race, taking second position. The pony that is likely to give Fei Ying a good fight is Night View (Mr. P. P. Botelho), and it is quite capable of creating an upset.

RACE NO. 5.—CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FIVE FURLONGS

This is the second race for "E" Class China ponies, and for its win at Fanning in the Dublin Handicap (Second Section) Dow-Jones (Mr. Chao) has been penalised 3 lbs. but, despite the extra weight, I think it is quite capable of winning as it is running against practically the same ponies. Old Fashioned (Mr. Wei), which lost to Dow-Jones by a short head, may again have to be content with second place. New Bedford, if taken out by a more experienced jockey, may reverse its last defeat from the above two ponies, otherwise the best it can hope for is the third position again.

RACE NO. 6.—SHEKKI HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

The last race of the day will be fought out by "X" and "Y" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club and will be ridden by Novice Jockeys. Iron Knight (Mr. Yeung Wing-sing), winner of the Kuo Hua Handicap over five furlongs at the last meeting, has

LAWN BOWLS UNDER WAY

Following is to-day's Lawn Bowls programme and some of the teams:—
H.K.F.C. v C.S.C.C.
(C.C.C. green, 3.30 p.m.)
Recreio v Visitors
(Recreio, 3 p.m.)
K.C.C. 1st Division v K.C.C. 3rd Division (K.C.C.)

H.K.F.C.—A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammert and N. J. Bebbington (skip); J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brooksbank (skip); J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (skip); J. I. Barnes, S. Strange, T. R. Rowell and J. A. R. Selby (skip); A. B. Didsbury, B. I. Bickford, C. F. Needham and G. S. Graver (skip); F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solles, B. A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (skip).
C.S.C.C. Firsts:—R. R. Wood, H. F. Harper, J. F. McGowan, J. W. Deaken, T. Sedden, A. B. Allen, L. A. Collyer, F. Jones, J. R. Carr, M. E. Purvis, A. Steven, S. Eccleshall.
C.S.C.C. Seconds:—C. W. Walker, F. S. Austin, J. Gellatly, H. E. Strange, J. C. Lucas, E. Kirmon, W. J. Burling, J. Hollidge, A. F. Sheppard, J. F. Hickman, P. D. Crawley, M. N. Rakusen.

Reserves:—T. E. Wood, H. Lord, A. J. Macfadyen, A. Grimmit Jr., D. Hollidge Jr.
RECREIO OPENING
Club de Recreio
J. Luz
C. M. Silva
O. P. Remedios
F. X. Soares (skip)
F. Xavier
C. M. Alves
C. Roza Pereira
F. V. V. Ribeiro (skip)

Visitors
H. A. Castro
H. White
P. Morgan
J. J. Whyte (skip) v
G. T. Padgett
C. S. M. Thom
L. C. R. Souza
R. P. Phillips (skip)
Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews
Sir Athol MacGregor
B. E. Maughan
A. Grimmit (skip) v
R. Leigh
G. S. Ladd
S. M. Rummah
E. G. Post (skip) v
F. Flippance
W. Hobbs
C. Strange
R. Morrison (skip) v
W. Glendenning
J. W. Hudson
W. Melrose
E. A. Atkins (skip) v R. F. Luz (skip)

Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr.
E. de Sousa
H. A. Alves (skip)
J. A. Remedios
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues
J. Noronha Jr.
C. G. Silva (skip)
J. C. Remedios
M. Alarcon
C. E. Marques
F. X. Silva (skip)
C. F. Vas
L. A. Gutierrez
L. F. Xavier
R. F. Luz (skip)

been penalised 16 lbs., but as it is quite fit at the moment it should secure another win in this race. It will receive stern opposition from Shanghai 4 (Mr. Cooper), ex-champion sub, which won the Victory Handicap when carrying 160 lbs. last meeting, and as its weight to-morrow is only 144 lbs. its chances of winning are not altogether out of the question. Cloudy Star (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) will probably take the other minor position.

SOCCER SEASON ENDING

(By "REFEREE")

Only interest in this afternoon's soccer programme is in the game at Stanley, between 30th, Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers for the runners-up position of Second Division.

South China, who only need one more point to clinch the championship, are meeting Navy and should have no difficulty in obtaining the necessary point.

Two other senior games will be played but to the clubs concerned it is just a matter of completing their fixtures.

As Service Corps are engaged at Camp their game against Electric will not be played this afternoon but on Wednesday. Service Corps must win this game to qualify for a play-off for the Third Division title.

To-morrow the last representative game of the season between Chinese and Army in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition will be played.

Mrs. Grassett, wife of the General Officer Commanding will present the Cup at the conclusion of the game.

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PANG MISSES A CHANCE

(By "ADREM")

Pang Oi-lam, the youthful C.R.C. player, missed a great opportunity of taking a set from Tsui Wai-pui the Colony champion, when, on the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, he let no fewer than six set points pass him by Tsui won 7-5, 7-5.

Pang created something of a sensation in the first set when he reeled off a succession of five games without reply. At this period Tsui was playing dreadfully, and lacked any semblance of control over any of his shots.

His service was particularly bad being without rhythm or control. He was also very careless in the matter of foot-faults and was pulled up repeatedly in the course of the match.

Pang scored most of his early points with a nicely-disguised drop-shot and a sliced forehand shot, played half-court to his opponents backhand sideline which rarely got up very much. His forehand, however, was far from impressive and was executed in a very awkward manner—a half-jab played close to the body.

His service was his most impressive weapon of attack and I have rarely seen Tsui ached as often as he was yesterday.

Pang might have taken that first set if he had not allowed himself to become over-anxious, probably due to surprise at getting so far. I felt that a little more aggression in following up his service might have brought results—in any case there was nothing to lose in gambling!

I cannot believe that Tsui's form yesterday is indicative of his current form but it is certain that he will have to improve considerably to beat H. D. Rummah on the latter's recent displays.

Another notable result was the victory of E. C. Fay over R. G. Bales 6-4, 6-1 in the semi-final of the Club championship.

NEXT WEEK'S TENNIS

Following is next week's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

MONDAY
Open Singles
S. A. Rummah v J. W. Leonard (Stand Court).

Club Championship
M. Pagh v D. M. MacDougall (8).

Handicap Doubles
N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (scratch) v R. C. Beavan and A. K. MacKenzie (—1/8) (3).

B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence (—4/6) v A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (—1/8) (4).

TUESDAY
Open Singles
Tsui Yan-pui v Tennis Kwok (Stand Court).

Handicap Doubles
V. R. Gordon and H. J. Armstrong (—15) or R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd (—3/8) v N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (scratch) or R. C. Beavan and A. K. MacKenzie (—1/8) (2).

A. Ladd and G. W. Savell (—4/6) or W. C. Harvey and A. H. Barrell (scratch) v C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) (3).

Mixed Doubles Handicap
T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15) v Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson (—3/8).

WEDNESDAY
Open Doubles
E. C. Finch and W. C. Hung v C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (Stand Court).

Handicap Singles
D. M. MacDougall (—15/2) v C. W. Sewell (—4/6) (6).

A. H. Barwell (—1/8) v C. B. Nicholson (—3/8) (7).

Mixed Doubles Handicap
C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde (—30) or R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley (—3/8) v H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lambert (—2/8) (3).

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph (scratch) v Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (scratch) (4).

THURSDAY
Open Singles Semi-Final
S. A. Rummah or J. W. Leonard v H. D. Rummah (Stand Court).

Club Championship Final
M. Pagh or D. M. MacDougall v R. G. Bales or B. C. Fay (8).

Mixed Doubles Handicap
Winners of Court 3 on Wednesday v Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nicholson (—3/8) (3).

FRIDAY
Open Doubles
E. C. Finch and W. C. Hung or C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson v T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay (Stand Court).

Open Doubles
E. C. Finch and W. C. Hung v C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (Stand Court).

Handicap Singles
D. M. MacDougall (—15/2) v C. W. Sewell (—4/6) (6).

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C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde (—30) or R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley (—3/8) v H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lambert (—2/8) (3).

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Open Doubles
E. C. Finch and W. C. Hung or C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson v T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay (Stand Court).

CRICKET

JUNIOR DIVISION TO BE DECIDED TO-DAY?

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL CLUBS have not yet completed their fixtures, it is probable, in view of the lateness of the season, that this afternoon's match at K.C.C., when the home team—current champions—will meet the Rest, will wind up Senior Division of the Cricket League.

K.C.C. will be at full strength, except for Teddy Fincher, who is still suffering from an injured thumb, and G. C. Burnett, but their attack will be strengthened by the inclusion of B. D. Lay.

The Rest will be led by the experienced J. E. Richardson, of Civil Service, and, on paper, is an extraordinarily powerful batting side, with quite a fair attack.

Likeliest result, having regard to the batting on both sides, is a draw.

VITAL JUNIOR MATCHES

An interesting match will be played in Second Division. Police being at home to Craigengower. This will be the last Police fixture and victory will place them in a strong position for the championship.

Police are expected to win as they have a well-balanced side, greatly strengthened by the inclusion of that

brilliant bowler, B. C. Fay.

The other match, at King's Park, between Recreio and I.R.C. will be no less interesting. If a draw results, and Police win this afternoon, I.R.C. will be out of the running, and Recreio will be required to beat Army to qualify for a play-off, whereas an I.R.C. win will kill Recreio's chances and necessitate a play-off between I.R.C. and Police—always provided that Police win to-day.

A Recreio, as well as a Police success, will place Recreio one point behind Police with a match, against Army, in hand.

There is a strong likelihood, therefore, that the League will be decided this afternoon.

Following is to-day's cricket programme and some of the teams:—

FIRST DIVISION
Champions (K.C.C.) v Rest (K.C.C.)

SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the programme for the week-end.

TO-DAY

S. China "A" v Navy
(Caroline Hill at 4.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v St. Joseph
(Kowloon at 4.45 p.m.)

Club v Police
(Club at 4.45 p.m.)

Middlesex v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Road at 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division (Play Off)
30th R.A. v Engineers
(Stanley at 3.00 p.m.)

Third Division

Engineer v International
(Caroline Hill at 3.15 p.m.)
Kumaons v Electric
(Club at 3.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

P. R. C. v C. C. C.
(P.R.C.)

Recreio v I. R. C.
(King's Park)

K.C.C.:—D. J. N. Anderson (capt.), E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, F. J. Lay, G. C. Burnett and B. D. Lay.
Rest:—J. E. Richardson (capt.), T. V. N. Fortescue and A. E. Perry (Civil Service), A. R. Minu and K. Nazarin (I.R.C.), E. L. Gosano and L. G. Gosano (Recreio), Sgt. Denyer and Sgt. Webb (Army), A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.), and W. S. Gegg (University).

C.C.C.:—B. R. Iranee (capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Youngs. Scorer, W. Broadbridge.

BADMINTON

"NEEDLE" MATCH TO-NIGHT

A very important badminton match will be played at University this evening, University and Recreio meeting for the second time in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League.

First match at King's Park resulted in a win for Recreio by the odd game.

That has been the only defeat inflicted on University, who are two points in arrears of Recreio after having played the same number of games. A win for the undergraduates this evening will therefore necessitate a play-off, whereas a Recreio win will give the King's Park team the championship which they lost last year to their opponents of this evening.

PROBABLE TEAMS

University—K. L. Yung and Miss Ulan Khoo; P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo; P. S. Bun and Miss J. K. Hung.
Recreio—M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; J. J. Remedios and Miss Olga Ribeiro; L. A. Carvalho and Miss Marie Ribeiro.

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"HARDY'S" CREW TURNS B.E.F.

London, To-day.

"As though starting on a little military expedition of their own" — in the words of the report reaching London from Norway — some of the crew of the British destroyer Hardy are now helping in the battle for Narvik.

The Hardy ran ashore in the skirmish in the fjord—as related by Mr. Churchill in his Commons speech — and between 40 and 50 men were seen to leave the destroyer in boats. All were fully armed.

The Nazis have now lost their first advantage through surprise and are now holding onto Narvik with only the original landing parties, waiting and wondering about reinforcements and supplies.

The Norwegians, from strong positions around Narvik inland, are harrying the Nazis at many points, and the R.A.F. is backing them up with heavy bombs.—Reuter.

Nothing has since been heard of the gallant band and they may have been taken prisoner or may be roving over the hills.—Reuter.

TIMBER PROBLEM CREATED

London, To-day.

The importance of home timber was stressed by Mr. Burgin, Minister of Supply, addressing the Timber Trade Federation yesterday.

"With Scandinavia cut off and the Baltic closed the possibilities for timber are not as bright as I could have wished," he said.

"Timber is wasted in increasing quantities; it is available in diminishing quantities."

"Anything we can do to bring timber here will be done. The greater the use that can be made of home timber the greater you will help the Mercantile Marine."

"The Government intends to regard timber as an essential raw material for which, if the competition on shipping is not too severe, space will always be reserved." — Reuter.

COLONIAL OFFICE APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

Mr. R. E. Turnbull, Malayan Civil Service, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Johnston, Colonial Secretary, British Honduras.—Reuter.

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THE
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THE PRINCE—
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"I am able to deny the report,"
said the Colonial Secretary, the
Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, to the
"China Mail" this morning, in
connection with rumours that
Danish subjects in Hong Kong
had been given 48 hours in which
to leave the Colony.

Hong Kong's financial year has
led off with a high promising
start, with revenue reaching a
new record.

During January, notable in-
creases occurred under two im-
portant heads of revenue, duties
and assessed tax. Duties collected
reached \$1,216,314, over \$300,000
higher than January, 1939.
Assessed taxes brought in (as a
result of higher rent levels)
\$1,109,438, \$250,000 better than
last year.

The total for the month at
\$4,735,874 was \$750,000 higher
than in January, 1939.

Expenditure was practically un-
changed at \$3,024,801.

The difference increases the
surplus balances of the Colony by
1,700,000 to \$18,802,244.